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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT TACOMA

10 DONATO VALLE VEGA,

11 v. Petitioner,

12 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

13 Respondent.

14 CASE NO. C15-5792RBL

15 ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
16 WITHDRAW COUNSEL FOR
17 INEFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE

18 Petitioner Donato Valle Vega seeks for the third time to fire his attorney for ineffective
19 assistance of counsel. In his criminal case, Mr. Valle Vega fired two lawyers because of his
20 dissatisfaction with their services. Mr. Valle Vega is a chronic complainer and persistent denier
21 of reality.

22 This Court has closely monitored the extent to which Timothy Lohraff has gone to meet
23 the demands of his client. Even when the Government assures the Court and the Petitioner that
24 requested documents do not, and have not ever existed, Mr. Valle Vega blames Mr. Lohraff for
the response. Mr. Lohraff has done a deep dive into the evidence and the arguments in a District
Court Circuit criminal case involving Beltran Layva. Mr. Valle Vega argues that Beltran Layva

1 and the actions of the lawyers and investigators are material to Petitioner's § 2255 action. Mr.
2 Lohraff will present his arguments based on the Layva action, and more, to the Court on March
3 8, 2018 during a day-long evidentiary hearing. His work has thus far been exemplary and he
4 should not be replaced.

5 The Petitioner's motion is **DENIED**.

6 Dated this 8th day of December, 2017.

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9 Ronald B. Leighton
10 United States District Judge
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